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**MEETING OF THE BEECHER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
(THE PZC)**

*Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Beecher Village Hall
625 Dixie Highway*

I. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

II. ROLL CALL

III. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2019 MEETING.

IV. WORKSHOP: CONSIDER HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 ON THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. A draft of this plan is attached for your review. Please read and prepare to ask questions and provide comments at the workshop.

V. CONSIDER A MOTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 AT 7PM. This is only if the workshop answers all issues and concerns successfully.

VI. WORKSHOP: CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO BEECHER ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSPORTATION AND CULTIVATION OF RECREATIONAL CANNABIS. The Village Board has referred the issue of recreational cannabis to the PZC to come up with the proper way to zone and regulate such establishments if one is proposed for Beecher. Municipalities have been given until January 1, 2020 to either prohibit, regulate or ignore the sale of cannabis. To ignore the issue means the community is unregulated pertaining to sales. The Village CANNOT prohibit the possession or use of cannabis; this is a right granted under state law. The only regulation we can enforce is the sale of the product; similar to liquor laws.

Enclosed is a draft zoning ordinance amendment first drafted by the Illinois Municipal League and then tweaked by the Village Attorney to fit our current ordinance. We treat these types of uses as special uses, similar to a beer garden where the Village can place additional stipulations on the permit to fit the needs of the specific site. We will be discussing the ordinance in full at the meeting.

VII. CONSIDER A MOTION HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO RECREATIONAL CANNABIS. We can choose the date or wait until next month if we need more time to discuss the ordinance.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT - NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 7PM